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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Vrtiska, would you respond?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yes, I will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Vrtiska, do you support the...support this bill with the gluten tax in it?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, we haven't gotten to that yet, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But it's in the bill.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you support the bill if that remained in the bill, or you'd rather cross that bridge when we come to it?

SENATOR VRTISKA: I'll cross that bridge when we get to it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Fair enough. Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And it might be a little while before we get there, but I'm eagerly awaiting that eventuality, too. I have not had the opportunity to see "Deacon" Jones mount up on an amendment that he really believed in and try to ride it across the finish line, but I'm going to watch him this afternoon. the way I vote will be determined by how much damage will be done to the bill, if I support his amendment or if I oppose it. Which ever position will do the most damage to the bill, that is the position I will take, because I'm interested in this bill failing. I'm glad to see that there is not universal agreement among the affected parties on what this bill ought to do. I'm glad to see that greed and self-interest is still infecting some of the people who would be affected by the form of this bill. They don't want to pay, nobody wants to pay, that's why Union Pacific wants that bill. They don't want to pay taxes, they want you to pay them; that's why with the venture capital bill they want the state to give them free money; that's why LB 305